

**CITY OF DEXTER  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 18, 2022**

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:01 pm at 3515 Broad St.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners:

Becky Murillo – Present

Julie Knight – Present

Jamie Griffin – Present

Anne Marques – Absent

Melissa Messer – Present

Ron Miller – Absent

Joanne Wagner – Present (Arr. 7:02 pm)

Jeanette Frost – Present

Student Representatives:

Sadie Gehan – Present

Annalena Eisel – Present

Owen Biggert – Present

Others Present: Josh Tanghe, Assistant to the City Manager; Justin Breyer, City Manager

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion by Griffin; seconded by Wagner to approve the minutes from August 16, 2022 as presented.

Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Adopted

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Murillo; seconded by Knight to approve the agenda with the following amendment(s):

- None

Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Adopted

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION**

None

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION**

**A. CHAIR**

**B. COMMISSIONERS AND EX-OFFICIO**

**C. STAFF REPORT**



Staff gave updates on the following items:

- Provided the date for the Mill Creek Park Volunteer Day
- Provided an update on the Parks and Recreation openings
- Provided the design for the Walk Your Wheels stickers
- Gave an update on the OHM ADA Audit

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. CONSIDERATION OF: ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Motion Murillo; seconded by Frost to appoint Knight as Vice Chair.

Ayes: Murillo, Griffin, Frost, Messer, Wagner, Knight

Nays: None

### **B. CONSIDERATION OF: FIDO FOUNTAIN DONATION RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL**

The Parks and Recreation Commission considered the following related to the Fido Fountain Donation Recommendation to City Council:

- Staff provided background on the Fido Fountain donation from Sarah Dombrowski
- The donation would cover the Fido Fountain itself and the City would handle the cost of installation
  - DPW could possibly complete the installation
- P&R discussed the location of Fido Fountain
  - Both P&R and Sarah thought Monument Park would be the ideal location

Motion Griffin; seconded by Knight to recommend the donation of a Fido Fountain in Monument Park that will replace the current drinking fountain to City Council

Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Adopted

### **C. DISCUSSION OF: EXPRESSION SWING INSTALLATION IN COMMUNITY PARK**

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the following related to the Expression Swing Installation in Community Park:

- Staff provided P&R estimates for both Community Park and Monument Park installations
- P&R is interested in seeking estimates to complete the excavation separately from the equipment installation
  - Staff will look into the cost of site excavation as well as other options for excavation

### **D. DISCUSSION OF: TRAIL CROSSING OF MILL CREEK**

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the following related to the Trail Crossing of Mill Creek:

- Staff provided information from a presentation from Washtenaw County Parks and the Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative that was given to City Council at their September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting
  - Other information provided included possible city cost share and City Council's desire to utilize the Bell Road Bridge for the project



- P&R finds the Bell Road Bridge to be the most desired option for crossing Mill Creek
- P&R discussed how this may impact future fiscal years' budgets as the crossing project could possibly occur in the same fiscal year as other P&R projects

## **E. DISCUSSION OF: MILL CREEK PARK PLAYGROUND**

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the following related to the Mill Creek Park Playground:

- Might make more sense to split the project into phases
  - One phase being the slope and the other being the playground
  - The playground would be phase one
- P&R hopes to make the park more accessible and provide more play options for children of various age groups
- What funding sources do we potentially have access to?
  - City funding
  - SPARK grant
  - Trust fund grant
  - Crowdfunding
- Staff will invite SmithGroup to the next meeting to help refine the MCP North concept
  - Staff will create maps that will allow P&R to sketch out a design/layout

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **PARKS AND TREES MAINTENANCE REQUESTS**

None

## **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION**

None

## **PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

The following items were discussed as a part of general discussion or as proposed business for future meetings:

- Expression Swings Excavation

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Murillo, seconded by Wagner to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm.

Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Adopted

Josh Tanghe  
Assistant to the City Manager